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Attorney Docket No. **21964-P002US**First Inventor or Application Identifier **Maini et al.**Title **TAUT LINE MOORING APPARATUS & METHOD**Express Mail Label No. **09/473323****APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.  \* Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2.  Specification [Total Pages **25**]  
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  - Descriptive title of the Invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
3.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets **8**]
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(for continuation/divisional with Box 16 completed)
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7.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
8.  37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement  Power of  
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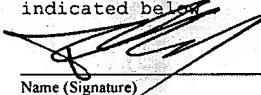
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**TAUT MOORING SYSTEM FOR  
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Enclosed is a patent application for *Taut Mooring system for Jack-Up Type Mobile Offshore Platforms* for the above-referenced patent application. Enclosed herewith are the following:

1. Patent Application (25 pages);
2. Drawings (8 pages 11 figures)
3. Declaration for Utility Patent Application and Power of Attorney
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(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(c))--SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**
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**21964-P002US**Applicant, Patentee, or Identifier: **Zentech, Inc.**

Application or Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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Title: **TAUTLINE MOORING APPARATUS AND METHOD**

I hereby state that I am

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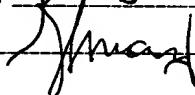
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